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## NEWSLETTER 4

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I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and I wish you all a very happy New Year. It's hard to believe that I have already completed a whole year here at Gayton. The time has flown by and we are already looking forward to all the new events we have planned for the next two terms. You'll find details of some of these below.

*Mrs J. Chapman*

Book Week is the week beginning **6th March 2017**. The national curriculum states that children need to read a wide range of books, including books from other cultures and traditions. So we have decided that the focus for this term's Book Week will be to explore stories from other cultures. Your child may dress up in clothes or costumes to represent the country or continent that their year group will be studying if they wish on **Friday 10th March 2017**. We will **not** be collecting any money for this. To be clear, the children should wear their school shoes, **not** trainers or boots but everything else should be clothes or costumes traditionally worn in the country or continent from the book they are studying.

The countries or continents to be studied are:

**Year 3** Africa    **Year 4** Egypt    **Year 5** Australia    **Year 6** China    Start planning your costume!

We would also like to invite you into school to work alongside your child in the '**Open Parent Sessions**'. You can take part in the exciting lessons that the teachers have planned for your children, allowing you to see how your child works in class.

The Open Sessions will take place on **Monday 6th March at 9:10 a.m. and 2:15 p.m.** The book fair will also be open so that you can visit with your child after the lesson. We hope that you will be able to attend. We know the children cherish the opportunity to show off what they are learning in class with you. A letter will be sent out in the first week after half term with more information and a slip so that you can book a place in one of the open sessions, so remember to check your child's school bag for it!

Sadly, there have recently been several cases in the news recently about children being bullied on the internet or being groomed by adults via social media. Last week your child brought home a letter inviting you to a meeting for parents to discuss these issues and how you can protect your children. There will also be an opportunity for you to see the "Alright Charlie" materials which will be used in lessons in Years 5 and 6 to explore the dangers of Child Sexual Exploitation and grooming on the internet. We are holding two meetings on **Wednesday 18th January, at 2 p.m. and at 6 p.m.** There will be a crèche available at the evening meeting if you require it. If you are intending to come, please return your form as soon as possible so we can ensure we have enough chairs! If you need another letter, please contact the school office.

We've also found that some children have received smartphones with cameras and are bringing them to school and taking pictures. Although this may seem very innocent, we have children in school who cannot be photographed, so we ask that children not bring these phones for school or hand them in at the start of the school day in the school office and collect them at 3.30 p.m.

## The Super Students Badge System

The children are now proudly wearing their new badges for this half term and I'm very pleased and proud of how many of them are wearing gold or silver badges. However, now is the time to start discussing with the children how to keep the badge they have earned or how to move up to another level they want to achieve by the end of this half term.

Have a look at our website if you need a reminder of how to achieve the Bronze, Silver or Gold badge and don't forget if your child has several areas to improve on, to start with just one or two things at a time so that he or she does not feel overwhelmed. Please also don't forget to praise your child for achieving the badge he or she has—bronze badge behaviour is still **good behaviour**. You can find all the things your child has to do to achieve the different badges if you go to our website, and type Super Students into the search box or go to the School Information section and look in Our School Community for "Super Students".

Please remember that a pupil immediately forfeits the right to their badge in the following circumstances:

- Use of foul, abusive, racist, homophobic language or bullying behaviour against another child.
- Speaking to an adult in a severely inappropriate way.
- Posing a threat to themselves or others through fighting or misbehaving in school or on visits.

If a child loses their badge for one of these reasons they will not receive the end of half-term reward.



## Dinner Money

Please don't forget to pay your child's dinner money either **before, or on the day**, your child requires a school meal. Our school meals are good quality and good value for Money: they cost £2.10 per day or £10.50 for the whole week. You can pay by cash or by cheque, payable to Derby City Council. If you send cash into school, please put it in an envelope, clearly marked with your child's name and class. You can also now pay electronically for school meals using the login details which have been sent home with your child. Contact the office or see the school website for more details.

Please note, if you think you may be entitled to free school meals for your child, forms are available from the school office and the office staff can advise you about this.

## AND FINALLY...

January's word of the month is **Resilience**. As you know, we represent this in school with this icon and we talk to children about the value of sticking at things, learning from their mistakes and challenging themselves to improve in all areas. The whole school will be focusing on this important value. See if you can find out from your children what we've been doing.



## Diary dates 2017

Friday 13th January	12.15 p.m.	Visit by the Leader of Derby City Council, Councillor Ranjit Banwait to meet and talk with the School Council
Monday 18th January	2 p.m. & 6 p.m.	Meeting for Year 5 and 6 parents to find out about the "Alright Charlie" materials used in school.
Friday 27th January	All day	STEM Day
Week Beginning Monday 6th February	All week	Year 6 Mock SATs this week
Tuesday 7th February	Morning or Afternoon	Year 5 trips to the Gurdwara
Friday 10th February	All Day	Treat Day and <b>school closes for half term.</b>
HALF TERM		
<b>Monday 20th February</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>School Closed for INSET</b>
Tuesday 21st February	8.45 a.m.	School reopens
Thursday 23rd February	2 p.m.	School hosts "The Big Quiz"
Tuesday 28th February	11.15 a.m.– 3.15 p.m.	Year 6 Fire Safety Talks
Week beginning Monday 6th March	All week	Book Week
Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 8th March	3.45-6.30 p.m.	Parents Evenings
Monday 6th—Friday 10th March	All week	Book week– Stories From Other Cultures
Monday 6th March	9.10a.m. or 2.15 p.m.	Open sessions for Book Week lessons
Week Beginning Monday 13th March	All week	Year 6 Mock SATs this week
Monday 20th March	All Day	Class 10 London Trip
Tuesday 21st March	All Day	Class 12 London Trip
Wednesday 22nd March	All Day	Class 11 London Trip
Friday 24th March	All Day	Red Nose Day
Friday 7th April	All day	Treat Day and <b>school closes for Easter holiday</b>
EASTER HOLIDAY		
Monday 24th April	8.55am	School reopens
Monday 1st May	All Day	School Closed for May Day
Week Beginning Monday 8th May	All week	<b>Year 6 SATs Week</b>
Tuesday 23rd May and Wednesday 24th May	All Day	Arts Day
Friday 26th May	All Day	Treat Day and <b>school closes for half term</b>